

Microsoft Entra Join and Intune, beyond the basics

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Cloud native

Cloud-na·tive [kloud]-['nādiv].

Endpoints or devices that can be deployed from anywhere. They receive their applications and configurations dynamically from the cloud and can be easily reset or restored.

Cloud-native endpoints are Windows devices that are deployed using Windows Autopilot, joined to Microsoft Entra ID (Entra joined), and are automatically enrolled into Microsoft Intune.

Provisioning and enrollment recommendations

Existing Windows endpoints

Enroll into co-management and connect to cloud identity via Entra hybrid join.

New Windows endpoints

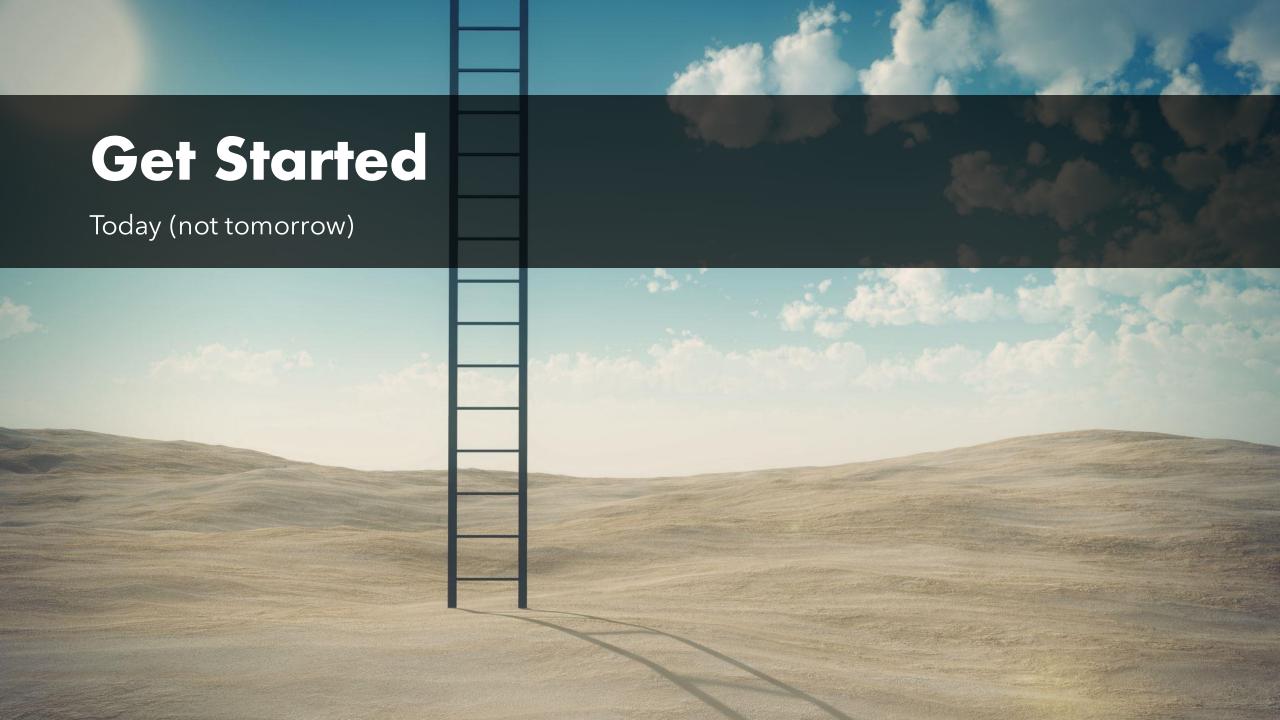
Provision using Autopilot user-driven mode into Intune and Entra joined (cloud-native)



Hybrid Entra joined and Co-Management

These are possible stepping-stones to cloud-native.

These are not end states or goals.



Hybrid join and co-manage existing devices

- + Business as usual while getting immediate cloud value
- + Move management workloads to Intune ...

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Compliance
Application
No-ops
Windows Update
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Applications

+ Win32 apps in Intune are flexible and capable

Enterprise App Management (GA expected in Feb '24)



Rationalize

Rationalize, don't migrate



- Use Group Policy Analytics
- There will always be a delta, but realistically, it's small
- Use the built-in security baselines as a starting point

Group Policy

Define and implement

Define and implement business requirements

Assign and target

Assign and target policies from one authority only



- Co-management is unrelated to Group Policy
- Do not use MDMWinsOverGPO

Proof of Concept Now

1

Set up Autopilot

•Do not use Entra hybrid joined with Autopilot

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Start with a minimal viable set of security policies

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Test and focus on user scenarios including separate user personas and roles 4

Simplify

- •Shift admin and management paradigm from "can" to "should"
- •Empower and unlock users

Tutorial-Get started with cloud-native Windows endpoints - Microsoft Intune | Microsoft Learn
Success with remote Windows Autopilot and hybrid Azure Active Directory join - Microsoft Community Hub

Identify On-prem Dependencies







Authentication on an Entra joined device to on-prem services and apps just works for the vast majority of cases Internal processes, third party tools, Active Directory, DNS, NPS, onprem only thinking

Use trial-and-error, decibel test, corporate knowledge during user-based POCs

Important Callouts

The only [Microsoft] supported process to move an existing, hybrid Entra joined Windows endpoint to Entra joined is to reset/reimage/reinstall it and re-deploy as a new device.

Entra ID and Intune are key components of Zero-trust



Implement because you "should" based on identified business requirements, not perception or because you "can".

Test, Test, and Test some more.

Moving to cloud-native is not an overnight, all or nothing proposition. Rollout using stages, phases, rings (whatever you want to call them) based on whatever criteria makes sense in your org.

Engineering Reality

Cloud-centric scenarios and cloud-native functionality is what nearly all of our engineering efforts are dedicated to and focused on. Many common challenges in the modern workplace are addressed by this approach which is based on collective customer sentiment and engagement.

Links

- + https://aka.ms/cloudnativeendpoints
- + https://aka.ms/EntraJoin-WhichOption
- + https://learn.microsoft.com/enus/entra/identity/devices/how-to-hybrid-join
- + https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/clientmanagement/enroll-a-windows-10-device-automaticallyusing-group-policy
- + https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/mem/solutions/cloudnative-endpoints/cloud-native-windows-endpoints
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